2007 NASA Occupational Health Conference

Occupational Medicine Breakout Session

- > Required for NPR 1800.1B update.
- Needed to meet requirements and medical standards.
- Required for EHRS OH Module.
- Reviewed, revised and updated all protocols.
- Utilized references including OSHA, DOT, FAA, NIOSH, ASMA, ANSI, NFPA, NASA NPR's, and DoD.

- Retained the categories of exams:
 - Potentially Hazardous Exposures
 - Hazardous Environments/Workplaces
 - Certification Examinations
 - Flight Activities
 - Special Purpose Administrative Examinations
 - Voluntary Health Maintenance
- Standardized examination requirements:
 - Frequency
 - Laboratory
 - Required Questionnaires
 - History and Physical Exam Focus
 - Written Medical Opinion
 - Medical Removal

- > Protocols not retained in Matrix G:
 - Jet Propulsion Fuel
 - Work Requiring Color Discrimination
 - Voluntary Respirator Use
 - Evaluation for Insufficient DOT or DFW Specimen
- > Protocols combined in Matrix G:
 - Hazardous Waste/Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team

- Next Steps:
 - Discussion at OM Breakout Session
 - Review all Feedback from Center's Occupational Medicine Staff
 - Revise Matrix G based on OM input
 - Consider Internal or External Review
 - Finalize Matrix G for NPR 1800.1B NODIS Process

Matrix G: Arsenic

- A. Reference: OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1018
- B. Frequency:
 - Preplacement/Baseline Examination
 - Annual Exam, if less than 45 years old
 - Semiannually, if 45 years of age or older, or with 10 or more years of exposure
 - 4. Variable or Exposure-Determined Examination
 - 5. Exit/Reassignment Examination

C. Laboratory:

- 1. Chest X-ray (PA)
- 2. Hemoccult, if over age 40
- 3. Discretionary Tests:
 - a) Pulmonary Function

Matrix G: Arsenic (con't)

D. Physical Exam:

- a) Medical and Occupational History
- b) Physical Examination with focus on peripheral and CNS, GI system, skin, respiratory tract and thyroid
- c) Evaluation of ability to wear respirator may be required, see protocol N. Occupational Respirator Use (page 24)
- E. Target Organs: Liver, kidneys, skin, lungs, lymphatic system
- F. Written Opinion: Standard Written Medical Opinion
- G. Medical Removal: No requirement in standard

Physical Exam Matrix G Discussion Points

- ➤ Is there additional information or protocols you would find helpful and would like added to the Matrix?
- Is there a need for further clarification on some job types, e.g., crane operators?
- Are there any additional physical examination or testing requirements from a medical perspective?

NASA AED Guidelines

- Revised 2000 guidance based on current industry standards:
 - Updated Federal regulations since original draft.
 - Added roles and responsibilities for OCHMO and Medical COTRs.
 - Modified requirement for drills to twice a year.
 - Added requirement to review and meet your state requirements.

> OCHMO Goals

 An agency wide OH program with emphasis on preventive medicine is effective and of value.

OCHMO Objectives

- Customization of HRA Inclusion of WLQ and OH services usage questions (EAP, Clinic, HFC)
- 4,500 completed HRAs 30% of eligible population of 15,000 NASA CS

- Brand name
- Credibility and reliability
- Customization
- Cost-Value analysis
- Consultation

- January 23, 2007 January 22, 2008
- February 5, 2007 Agency wide global email
- Incentive First 1,000 HRA, goal met mid April
- Mayo Clinic BoB
 - Communication Plan
 - Re-evaluate the Plan
 - Several Campaigns
 - Offer Incentives
- Mayo Clinic BoB predicts 15-20% participation
 - 2,250 3,000 HRAs vs. 4,500

- Participation Data 1/23/07 7/18/07
 - Registration 2,434
 - HRA − 1,242
 - OH services usage data
 - Clinic 88.4%
 - EAP 24.1%
 - FF 68.4%
 - WLQ
 - Analysis by Tuft University
 - Need 1,500 HRAs

- > Discussion Points
 - Communication and Promotion:
 - Agency wide
 - Center specific
 - Meeting OCHMO goals and objectives:
 - Make a business case for NASA OH
 - Agency WC cost = OWCP charge back
 - Agency HC cost is unknown, no charge back by OPM.
 - Assist OH disciplines in health education and promotion